

Battery choice depends upon the application. For most training exercises and everyday use, the BA-4386/PRC-25 magnesium battery, NSN 6135-00-926-8322, works well and costs about \$13.35 each.

But when your unit moves out on a combat mission, use the BA-5598/U lithium sulfur dioxide battery, NSN 6135-01-034-2239.

It's smaller and lighter than the magnesium battery. And, it can be stored outside in hot weather longer without losing power.

You'll also want to use the lithium battery for arctic/cold weather operations. Compared to the magnesium battery, the lithium delivers better performance when the temperature plunges below freezing. This battery runs about \$43.35.

Choose your battery carefully. You can save money by using the BA-4386 for everyday operations, and you can save lives by using the BA-5598 when it's crunch time.